

Town of Locke, Commercial Structure
13947 River Road
Locke
Sacramento County
California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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TOWN OF LOCKE

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE

Location: 13947 River Road (County Road E-13;
13948 Main Street),
Locke, Sacramento County, California.

USGS Courtland Quadrangle:
UTM Coordinates: 10/630470/4234450.

Present Owner: Beverly Cadjew Building Owner
900 El Camino Avenue
Sacramento, California 95815

Asian City Development Company, Inc. Land Owner
P.O. Box 987
Walnut Grove, California 95690

Present Occupant: None.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: This is one of a group of buildings, each separated by a narrow alleyway, that forms the Main Street facade. It is typical of such structures with similar facades, and is a harmonious part of the architectural context of the street.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural merit and interest: This structure is typical of buildings that are built on Main Street, designed with second floor balconies, wooden siding and metal covered gable roofs.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The rectangular, two-story building is approximately twenty-four feet across the front by sixty feet deep. The first level of the east facade is punctuated by four bays, the second story of the east and west have three.
2. Foundation: Wooden piers and beams with concrete footings along the perimeters. The building, sitting above grade, has a low crawl space.

3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wooden drop siding with corner boards. The east and west facades are painted bright yellow, and the north and south facades are unpainted. A false front is on the west facade.
 4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction. Two large wooden poles with tie rods are braced against the north and south walls, reinforcing the main structure.
 5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: The east sidewalk is covered by the second story balcony. The shed roof over the balcony is supported by four wooden posts, and a wooden rail extends between the post and across the ends. The balcony, with its wooden floor, is supported by four large wooden posts set into concrete piers, formed of metal barrels filled with concrete. The shed roof covering the wooden board walk across the west facade is supported by four wooden posts and covered with corrugated sheet metal. By contrast to all the other boardwalks in Locke, the wide boards of this structure's boardwalk run horizontally across the facade. The wooden railing extending between the posts turns at the center bay and extends along each side of a wooden bridge leading out to the road.
 6. Chimneys: A clay flue projects out from the north face of the building but no flue extends above the roofline. A metal flue on the south facade projects out from the wall, extending up above the eave.
 7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The paneled doorway on the south edge of the east facade has plain wooden surrounds and is topped by a two-light transom. The west entrance is recessed between display windows. The wooden door has five horizontal panels, wooden surrounds and a two-light transom. A small, vertical wooden panel flanks each side of the door. The doorways on the north and east sides have been boarded up with vertical boards. The entrance to the second floor is a paneled door from the boardwalk on the west facade. A doorway from the central hallway on the second floor leads out to the balcony on the east. The frame door has three panels below a single-light glass panel.
 - b. Windows and shutters: The wooden display windows flanking the recessed east entrance have two-over-two light fixed sashes, boarded up with plywood, except for the upper two lights on the south side. Framed vertical wooden paneling is below the display windows. Across the face of the building above the display windows and door recess are seven fixed light sashes, decorated with painted Chinese characters.
- Wooden windows on the first and second floors have one-over-one light, double-hung sashes, wooden surrounds and screens. A wooden louvre window pierces the west false front and east gable end.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal covering.
- b. Cornice, eaves: The box cornice is trimmed with a raked molding and extends to a narrow overhang.

B. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: The east entrance is slightly off-center, and set into a recessed splayed doorway. It leads into a large room that covers the entire first floor. Two large timber columns supporting heavy timber beams on the north and south walls correspond to the poles on the exterior. (These are part of the added bracing system). A doorway on the south wall leads into the stairway.
- b. Second floor: The entrance to the second floor from the west facade opens into a living room that extends across the building's width. A doorway on the east wall leads into the kitchen, along the south side of the building. A doorway on the north wall leads into a bedroom. A doorway on the east wall of the kitchen opens into a small central hall that extends along the east side of the building. On the south side the hall widens at the stairway, leading down to an exterior entrance. On the north side of the hallway are three bedrooms.

2. Flooring: Wooden flooring; some second floor areas are covered with linoleum.
3. Wall and ceiling finish: Beaded-board walls and ceilings on the first floor. Walls on the second floor are wallpapered. Some ceilings on the second floor are covered with beaded-board and some with fibre-board ceiling tile.
4. Doorways and doors: Wooden paneled doors with plain wooden surrounds.
5. Stairways: The enclosed wooden stairway extends up six steps from the first floor to a landing and continues to the second floor. There is no handrail.
6. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: Propane gas-fired space heaters.
 - b. Lighting: Electrical lighting fixtures.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The building faces west on River Road and east on Main Street. Across Main Street are wooden two-story structures. Across River Road on the west is the boat house. A narrow alleyway flanks the building on the north and south sides. In the south alleyway is a wooden, open-string stairway leading up to River Road from Main Street. A wooden board walk extends across the west facade and a wooden retaining wall is between the board walk and the road, with a wooden bridge spanning the cavity. A large walnut tree stands between the building and the road.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Chinese Historical Association of America. The recording project was completed during the summer of 1979 under the general direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS; Kenneth L. Anderson, Jr., Principal Architect; John P. White, Project Supervisor (Texas Tech University); Pamela O. Chang, Architectural Foreman (University of California, Berkeley); with student architects William F. Hand (Auburn University); Clemson Lam (University of Hawaii); Gregory C. Tung (Yale University); and David G. Virgil (Carnegie-Mellon University), at the HABS Field Office in Sacramento, California. The drawings were edited in the HABS Washington office in January 1980 by staff architects William Graham and David Marsh. The written data was edited by staff historian Jan Cigliano during January-March 1980.

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